GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BAN OF JUNK FOOD
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any suggestions from Health Ministry regarding blanket, ban on junk food and colas in schools as reported in The Times of India, December 15, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to extend this ban to the universities also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A FATMI)

(a) to (c) Education being a subject in the concurrent list, most of the schools come under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare has written to Health Ministers of all States in August, 2006 to consider issuing instructions for withdrawing junk food and carbonated drinks from school and college canteens.

(d) to (f) Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has also written to Chief Ministers of all States in January, 2007 to consider issuing instructions to Vice-Chancellors of all Universities, including Medical and Agricultural Universities of their respective States for withdrawing junk food and carbonated drinks from the canteens of educational institutions.